## IN THE CLAIMS

(Currently amended) A medical article comprising an implantable substrate having a coating, the coating including a polymer comprising a derivative of carboxylated or hydrolyzed poly(lactic acid), or a block-copolymer having at least one moiety comprising a derivative of carboxylated or hydrolyzed poly(lactic acid), wherein the hydrolyzed poly(lactic acid) has an average molecular weight between about 1,000 and about 20,000 Daltons,

wherein the polymer comprising a derivative of hydrolyzed poly(lactic acid) has two terminal hydroxyl groups, and

wherein the block-copolymer having at least one moiety comprising a derivative of nydrolyzed poly(lactic acid) has two terminal hydroxyl groups.

- 2. (Original) The medical article of Claim 1, wherein the medical article is a stent.
- 3. (Original) The medical article of Claim 1, wherein poly(lactic acid) includes poly(D-lactic acid), poly(L-lactic acid), or poly(D,L-lactic acid).
  - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Original) The medical article of Claim 1, wherein the block-copolymer includes a diblock-copolymer, a triblock-copolymer, or mixtures thereof.
- 6. (Original) The medical article of Claim 5, wherein the diblock-copolymer and triblock-copolymer include at least one biocompatible moiety.
- 7. (Original) The medical article of Claim 6, wherein the biocompatible moiety is poly(ethylene glycol).
- 8. (Original) The medical article of Claim 6, wherein the biocompatible moiety is selected from a group consisting of poly(ethylene oxide), poly(propylene glycol), poly(tetramethylene glycol), polyethylene oxide-co-propylene oxide), ε-caprolactone, β-butyrolactone, δ-valerolactone, glycolide, poly(N-vinyl pyrrolidone), poly(acrylamide methyl propane sulfonic acid) and salts thereof, poly(styrene sulfonate), sulfonated dextran,